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FAR-SIGHTED "UNCLE SAM."

It is not for us to utter a single word of objection to the proposed investigation of the alleged outrages upon natives in the Philippines. If there is evidence that women have been debauched, that property has been confiscated, that drunkenness has been prevalent and that the terrible "water-cure" has been applied, the truth should be brought to the surface, to the end that the proper reforms may be instituted and the guilty persons punished.

But isn't "Uncle Sam" a trifle far-sighted in the discernment of outrages and crimes against civilization? Why use a telescope to sweep the horizon for wrong doing when the cries of lynched Negroes can almost be heard at the White House and the odors from the funeral pyre fall scarcely short of the Capitol, where Congress is engaged in solving the problem of government? It is to the credit of the nation that it is prompt to respond to the appeals of a people who are not even our adopted brethren as yet, but it is not to the nation's credit that the supplications of millions of native Americans, of one blood and one kindred, are permitted to fall upon deafened ears. It is not to the nation's credit that in its quest for gold, for power, for territory and for commercial grandeur, that the spirit of anarchy, wafted up from Tyler, Palmetto, Tusculum and Lake City, is passed over in silence and our wail for protection is drowned by the chink of the money changer.

Yes, help the rebellious Filipino, and carry to him the blessings of our occidental civilization, but, in the name of heaven, let us not forget that charity begins at home and that he that careth not for his own is worse than an infidel, for he has thereby denied the faith.

While investigations are in order, we move the immediate passage of the Irwin bill to provide for a Freedmen's Inquiry Commission.

President Roosevelt has reappointed Mr. J. E. Bush, of Little Rock, Ark.,

to the position of Receiver of Public Moneys. There was intense and stubborn opposition by certain white people in Arkansas against the reappointment of Mr. Bush, but the President did not yield an iota to those who opposed Mr. Bush. This is but another proof that Mr. Roosevelt measures men by merit rather than color, and that southern applause does not impair his lofty sense of justice.

Nevertheless, respectable white girls are marrying colored men every day in northern states, when they get good ready.

THE CENSUS OFFICE.

The "heads" at the Census office realize that The Colored American is deadly in earnest in exposing the high handed discrimination that has been practiced for two years against the colored clerks in that establishment. We hear all about the petty annoyances to which capable Negro employees have been subjected. We hear of the unfair markings, and the policy of transferring efficient men and women to rob them of their places in the line of promotion. There was at one time perhaps seventy five colored clerks in the office, and had all been kept for the permanent census, our quota would not have been larger than the race honestly deserved. Seventy five out of nearly 900 people, to be retained permanently, would not have been too much for the colored people, who make republican success possible by standing solidly together for the party in the doubtful states of the North and West. There are now from twelve to fifteen Negro clerks employed, with a chance of a reduction by July 1st that will wipe nearly every one from the rolls—unless a halt is called by somebody high in authority. We are of the opinion that the Director will see a great light before long, and if many of the decapitated Negroes cannot be restored, the few that remain will be given a better show for their rights. It may be remarked in passing, that after The Colored American's "gentle reminder," last Saturday was the first instance since the discharges began, that not a single Negro was made to "walk the plank."

Men and women are wanted who can "do things."

GRANT.

The celebration of General Grant's eightieth birthday should have been more generally observed among our people. To no one man do we owe more for our freedom than to this grand warrior. It was his military prowess that made the emancipation proclamation more than a piece of paper. His vigorous arm guided us through the reconstruction period, when a weaker character would have compromised us into eternity. He lived in a day of robust politics and had about him robust statesmen of the Conkling, Morton and Sherman type. Where are their successors, since the era of namby pamby policies and Miss Nancy civil service methods has set in? Is there another Grant in the loins of the nation?

A society that accepts a lyncher and repudiates an upright Negro needs some soap and water.

The Catholics continue to move for separation of the races. The Second Presbyterian Church property at Nashville, Tenn., is wanted by that denomination for a colored mission. Father Plunkett has charge of several colored

missions, and desires one there to accommodate Negroes who have been attending the neighboring white Catholic churches.

Congressman Gillet is a friend to personal worth, independent of color.

THE DALLAS EXPRESS.

The Dallas Express is one of the rapidly increasing number of journals that do credit to the race's business capacity intellectual strength and manly courage. Editor King is printing an extraordinary quantity of news matter, covering a wide area, as evidenced by the general correspondence, and in quality, tone, spicy features and mechanical arrangement, the paper ranks A No. 1. It is served promptly, and no exchange reaches our table that is perused with greater care. Texas and the great southwest are fortunate in having so able a champion and exponent as the Dallas Express.

The Colored American is a pace setter.

MRS. YATES ROYALLY RECEIVED.

The reception accorded Mrs. J. Silone Yates at every point of her recent itinerary was a gratifying recognition of the merits of a splendid woman and gave assurance that the people are loyal to those who are really doing something for human advancement. Mrs. Yates was not only the recipient of courtesies from her own race, but the most cultured white ladies, members of the most exclusive clubs, vied with one another in doing her honor. Her return home to Kansas City, by way of St. Louis, was the signal for a continuous ovation. Mrs. Yates will shortly resume her department work upon The Colored American.

There is no color in crime.

Do not mistake liberty for license.

The church that fosters feuds has outlived its usefulness.

Some of us are making progress? Are you in the procession?

What the South lost at arms, she has regained by diplomacy.

Roosevelt and Fairbanks for 1904. It is a ticket that will win.

Alabama Negroes are organizing to fight the new suffrage laws.

The anti-Rooseveltites have not yet been able to round up a candidate.

The colored settlers decline to be driven out of Lawton, Oklahoma.

James B. Parker, the big hero of the Buffalo tragedy, is lecturing in Georgia.

Bishop Tanner was once a barber in Rochester, N. Y., says the Beaver (Pa.) Star.

Advertising, next to advanced capital, is the primary essential to business success.

The Negro population of the United States is now 8,850,000, as against 67,000,000 whites.

Slavery should not be permitted to exist under the American flag. Shall it be reserved for a democrat to take the initiative toward its destruction, as

indicated by the anti-slavery bill introduced by Mr. Patterson, of Tennessee?

In the District of Columbia, within half a mile of the Capitol, a "Jim Crow" car is permitted. The shame of it!

Ten thousand delegates are expected to be present at the young people's religious congress in Atlanta in August.

In the whole city of New York, says R. L. Smith, "With its 2,728 police men, there is not one colored man on the force." And yet we have there a republican "reform" administration.

Chaplain G. W. Prioleau and wife leave this week for the Philippines. They will be visited weekly by The Colored American at Manila.

Chinese solidarity and financial liberality are preventing the passage of a drastic exclusion law. Money makes the mare go and causes the scales of justice and humanity to strike a balance.

Abner McKinley carried home with him from Florida a colored boy, whom he will educate as an object lesson of the possibilities of the race. This is practical philanthropy, and is worth more than spasmodic charity.

Prof. Felix Adler, of New York, states that of his own knowledge Booker T. Washington "declined an engagement to lecture for fifty nights at \$1,000 a night, because he could not spare the time from his work; and his work is the welfare of his race."

We subscribe heartily to the plea of Senator Scott for a reform in civil service methods that will bring new life into the departments. If "pull" is to govern, let it be so understood, and arrange the law so as to reward those who help to make victories possible.

It is really regrettable that necessity, from lack of racial cohesiveness, compels so many young men to bury themselves in insignificant clerkships and messengerships, when they could otherwise do yeoman service for the development of business and industrial life.

The educational mass meetings which are being held in the principal cities of Georgia by the President and Commissioner of Morris Brown College are eye openers. They are proving the real attitude of the more prominent southern whites toward Negro education. In every community these meetings have been heartily endorsed by the best white citizens. Only the typical Georgia cracker has been in any way antagonistic. Nearly all of the race friction in the South emanates from this low white strata.

Located at Los Angeles.

Col. W. Edgar Easton, formerly of El Paso, Texas, a life long friend and lieutenant of the late lamented N. Wright Cuney, is now a full fledged and prosperous citizen of Los Angeles, California. He will be remembered as one of the Lone Star state's leading political factors, and author of "Deeds Done" Col. Easton is deeply interested in the great convention to be held at Los Angeles by the National Federation of Women's Clubs, and will give a warm welcome to Mrs. Ruffin, Mrs. Yates, Mrs. Washington and other prominent women who are expected to be present.